

1398.3 3.2 974.7 2376.2 Past Est'd '20-'22 to '26-'28 12.5% 13.0% 13.5% 19.0%

9.5%

QUARTERLY SALES (\$ mill.) A Cal-Full Mar.Per.Jun.Per.Sep.Per. Déc.Per. endar Year 3176 2020 2606 10620 2021 2792 3601 3017 3319 2022 3024 3903 3270 4006 14204 4225 15150 2023 3350 3625 3950 3925 2024 3610 4590 16400 EARNINGS PER SHARE A B Full Cal-Mar.Per.Jun.Per.Sep.Per. Dec.Per. Year endar 2020 2.90 1.62 1.64 6.87 2021 1.55 3.19 1.95 1.92 8.61 2022 1.65 3.53 2.10 2.43 9.71 2023 1.75 3.80 2.45 2.45 10.45 2024 2.05 4.43 2.60 2.92 12.00 QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID C Cal-Full Mar.31 Jun.30 Sep.30 Dec.31 Year endar 2019 .31 .35 .35 .35 1.36 2020 .35 .35 .40 .40 1.50 2021 .52 .52 .52 .52 2.08 2022 .92 .92 .92 .92 3.68 2023 1.03

976.1 4.6

763.1

1743.8

Past

10 Yrs.

13.0% 16.5%

18.0% 22.5% 9.5%

Accts\_Payable Debt Due Other

Current Liab.

of change (per sh)

Sales "Cash Flow"

Earnings Dividends

Book Value

ANNUAL RATES

1155.6 3.9

905.3

2064.8

5 Yrs.

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tradesmen and small businesses. The company provides livestock and pet products (50% of 2022 sales); hardware, tools, truck, and towing (19%); seasonal products (snow blowers and mowers), gifts, and toys (21%); clothing and footwear (7%); and agriculture (3%).

Tractor Supply posted another strong quarter to close out 2022. Revenue reached \$4.01 billion, a 20.7% increase from the same quarter in 2021. This was driven in large part by the acquisition of Orschlen Farm and Home, which added \$80 million in sales in the fourth quarter. During 2022, the company opened 152 new stores, 81 of which are remodeled stores from the acquisition. Comparable transaction count rose 2.3%, while price increases resulted in comparable average ticket growth of 6.3%. The gross margin improved 28 basis points, with price hikes offsetting inflation in product costs and transportation expenses. Helped along by the acquisition, diluted full-year earnings per share increased 13% to \$9.71.

Tractor Supply's guidance for 2023 was encouraging, with the company looking to earn \$10.30-\$10.60 per share on sales of about \$15.15 billion. Centered on the opening of 80-85 new stores, capital expenditures for the year will likely be in the range of \$700 million to \$775 million. Including the impact of price hikes, management estimated comparable-store sales should increase in

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the range of 3.5%-5.5%. With the operating margin expected to stay relatively flat, Tractor Supply should see a solid year of top- and bottom-line growth in 2023.

Longer term, Tractor Supply is implementing a strategy that should boost shareholder value. While Tractor Supply earns impressive returns on the current assembly of stores, investors will wonder whether the company can replicate those returns in new locations. The company's current long-term vision estimates a total of 2,500 Tractor Supply stores nationwide, 434 more than the present footprint. While we still see plenty of earning potential in further expansion, continuing far past 2,500 stores could present challenges, as the company would likely be forced to place stores closer to existing outlets and risk some cannibalization.

The stock's Timeliness rank climbed a couple of notches, to 2 (Above Average). The issue, which has held up well in price over the past year, offers good risk-adjusted long-term upside potential, provided the company can execute its expansion plan. Lucas Vanarthos

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(A) Fiscal year ends on the last Saturday in December. Quarterly figures may not add to total due to rounding.

(B) Diluted earnings per share. Excludes non-recurring charges: '17, \$0.03; '19, \$0.02; '20, \$0.49. Next earnings report due late April.

tember, and December.
(D) Includes intangibles. In 2022: \$253.3 mill., \$2.30/share.

(C) Dividends paid in early March, June, Sep- (E) In mill. adjusted for stock splits.

Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability A+ 80 Price Growth Persistence 70 **Earnings Predictability** 90

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